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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 69, Chapter 3, Part 1, relative to forestry and logging operations.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 69-3-120(g), is amended by deleting that subsection in its entirety and inserting instead the following language:

(g) (1) Any person who engages in any clear-cutting operation, as that term is commonly understood in the logging industry, over an area in excess of ten (10) acres, shall notify the commissioner at least thirty (30) days in advance of beginning any such clear-cutting operation of the location, acreage, and time in which the clear-cutting will occur. Failure to comply with the reporting requirements of this subdivision shall constitute a violation of this part and shall subject such person to the penalties provided in this part, including, but not limited to, Section 69-3-115, as well as any other penalties or remedies available at law or in equity.

(2) Except as provided in this subsection, nothing whatsoever in this part shall be construed as applying to any agricultural or forestry activity or the activities necessary

to the conduct and operations thereof or to any lands devoted to the production of any agricultural or forestry products, unless there is a point source discharge from a discernible, confined, and discrete water conveyance.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 69-3-108(m), is amended by deleting the language "The following activities" at the beginning of the subsection and inserting instead the language "Except as provided in Section 69-3-120(g), the following activities".

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2000, the public welfare requiring it.